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Applicant No. : 10/806,829 Confirmation No.: 4240  
Applicant : Jian Bai, Steven M. Fischer and J. Michael Flanagan  
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Title : Ambient Pressure Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization  
(MALDI) Apparatus and Method of Analysis  
Group Art Unit : 2881  
Examiner : Nikita Wells  
Docket No. : 10980322-4 (12089.4003)  
Customer No. : 022878

Commissioner For Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Claims 34-80 are pending in this application. Claims 1-33 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Please amend the above application as follows.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, that I have reasonable basis to expect that that this paper or fee (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) would be mailed or transmitted on or before the date indicated with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AMENDMENT, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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